

LIBELLULA PUELLA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Os maxillosum : maxillis pluribus.

Antennæ thorace breviores.

Alæ extensæ.

Cauda maris hamoso-forcipata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 901.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LIBELLULA alis erectis hyalinis, corpore cæruleo vel rubido.

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Agrion PUELLA.

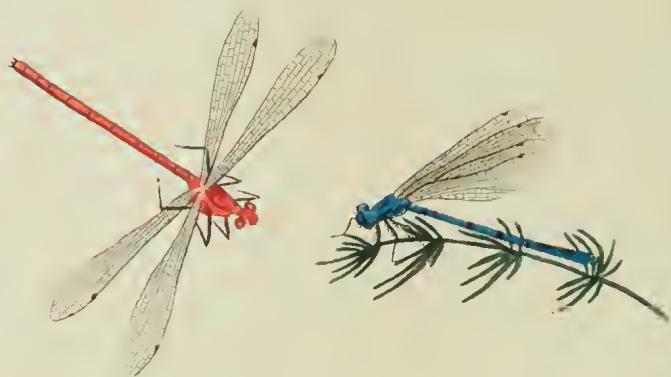
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Loca aquosa saepissime circumvolitare solet Libellula Puella aestivo tempore. Hanc specie nulla Britannica minor aut vulgarior, Variat color corporis non minus quam Libellulæ Virginis; vel late cyaneus, vel rufo-fuscus, vel nigricans. Certus tamen et constans alarum color, scilicet hyalinus; macula fusca parvula prope marginum extremitates ducta.



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SMALL LIBELLULA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Mouth consisting of several mandibles.

Antennæ very slender, filiform, shorter than the thorax.

Wings spreading.

Abdomen lengthened.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

LIBELLULA with upright hyaline wings, and sky-blue or reddish body.

Small Dragon-Fly.

Little slender-bodied **LIBELLULA**.

This is the least of the British Libellulæ, and is a very frequent insect in the neighbourhood of watery places during the summer months. In the colour of its body it varies as much as the *L. Virgo*, and is either of a bright sky-blue, reddish-brown, or blackish: the wings however are constantly of a similar appearance, or transparent, with a small, dark marginal spot towards their extremities.